

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of July 24, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi, Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair (absent). Also present were Manager Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, and Village Trustees Chair Richard Suitor.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **July 10, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #03-07.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve Warrant #03-07 in the amount of \$52,757.56. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Efficiency Vermont.** There was a presentation by Bob Murphy of Efficiency Vermont. Northfield has been selected with Hardwick to participate in a pilot Efficiency Vermont program to decrease energy usage. They are looking for 35% participation and are hoping for a 3.5% reduction in kW usage. Every electric ratepayer has an efficiency fee that is roughly 2% of the bill. This 2% goes to the State. They are no longer doing home audits themselves but can offer referrals to local inspectors who will do a home audit for a fee. Efficiency Vermont will do efficiency audits for businesses. Mr. Murphy would like to meet with local businesses to discuss this program.
- b. **Recreation Committee update:** There is a group of residents who are interested in re-establishing the Board of Recreation. They are meeting tomorrow night and are anxious to be appointed in August (possibly the second meeting). The previous Board had seven (7) members; they also have seven (7) people who would like to serve.
- c. **Status Reports: Various Projects:**
1. **Safety Day 2006.** All went well. Thanks to those who did a great job to those that put it together.
 2. **Municipal Pool.** There has been a break in at the pool. There was not much money there but the person did get in and look around to find the money. Any information that can be provided would be helpful.

VI. **SELECTBOARD**

- a. **Merger Committee update:** Minutes were included in packets. The group is meeting on a monthly basis. There is nothing else to report.
- b. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
1. **First meeting in August.** The Selectboard will not meet on the 2nd Monday of August.
 2. **Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Stickers Program.** Manager Allard has spoken to Town Clerk Kim Pombar and she does not want to participate in this program.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items: None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter (Tucker Tax Appeal). **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to authorize the Manager to contact the Town Attorney and offer Dave and Julia Tucker's 2004 Grand List valuation that the Board of Civil Authority reduced by 10% and not reimburse the fees for filing. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to authorize the Chair to sign the Manager's contract subject to agreement with the Board of Village Trustees. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.